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To establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Minuteman Missile Na-
5 tional Historic Site Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Minuteman II intercontinental ballistic
9 missile launch control facility and launch facility
10 known as Delta 1 and Delta 9, respectively, have na-

1 tional significance as the best preserved examples of
2 the operational character of American history during
3 the Cold War;

4 (2) the facilities are symbolic of the dedication
5 and preparedness exhibited by the missileers of the
6 Air Force stationed throughout the upper Great
7 Plains in remote and forbidding locations during the
8 Cold War;

9 (3) the facilities provide a unique opportunity
10 to illustrate the history and significance of the Cold
11 War, the arms race, and ICBM development; and

12 (4) the National Park System does not contain
13 a unit that specifically commemorates or interprets
14 the Cold War.

15 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

16 (1) to preserve, protect, and interpret for the
17 benefit and enjoyment of present and future genera-
18 tions the physical structures associated with the
19 Minuteman II missile defense system;

20 (2) to interpret—

21 (A) the historical role of the Minuteman II
22 missile defense system in the broader context of
23 the Cold War; and

1 (B) the role of the system as a key compo-
2 nent of America’s strategic commitment to pre-
3 serve world peace; and

4 (3) to complement the interpretive programs re-
5 lating to the Minuteman II missile defense system
6 offered by the South Dakota Air and Space Museum
7 at Ellsworth Air Force Base.

8 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

9 In this Act:

10 (1) HISTORIC SITE.—The term “historic site”
11 means the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site
12 established by section 4.

13 (2) ICBM.—The term “ICBM” means inter-
14 continental ballistic missile.

15 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
16 the Secretary of the Interior.

17 **SEC. 4. MINUTEMAN MISSILE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established in Pen-
19 ington and Jackson Counties, South Dakota, a historic
20 site to be known as the “Minuteman Missile National His-
21 toric Site”.

22 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The historic site shall comprise—

23 (1) an area surrounding the Minuteman II
24 ICBM launch control facility known as Delta 1;

1 (2) an area surrounding the Minuteman II
2 ICBM launch facility known as Delta 9; and

3 (3) an area outside the areas described in para-
4 graphs (1) and (2) suitable for construction of an
5 administrative support facility.

6 (c) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—Within the boundaries
7 of the historic site as determined by the Secretary, the
8 Secretary may acquire land and interests in land by dona-
9 tion, exchange, or transfer from any other Federal agency.

10 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION OF HISTORIC SITE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The historic site shall be adminis-
12 tered by the Secretary in accordance with this Act and
13 the laws generally applicable to units of the National Park
14 System, including—

15 (1) the Act entitled “An Act to establish a Na-
16 tional Park Service, and for other purposes”, ap-
17 proved August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); and

18 (2) the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the
19 preservation of historic American sites, buildings,
20 objects, and antiquities of national significance, and
21 for other purposes”, approved August 21, 1935 (16
22 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

23 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
24 may consult and enter into cooperative agreements with
25 interested entities (including institutions) and individuals

1 to provide for the preservation, development, interpreta-
2 tion, and use of the historic site.

3 (c) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

4 (1) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
5 the last day of the second fiscal year beginning after
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 shall submit to the Committee on Resources of the
8 House of Representatives and the Committee on En-
9 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate a general
10 management plan for the historic site, including a
11 description of the boundaries necessary to protect in-
12 tegral historic views and landscapes and to provide
13 for administrative support and public use facilities.

14 (2) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary shall
15 implement the plan as soon as practicable after the
16 date of submission under paragraph (1).

17 **SEC. 6. FUNDING.**

18 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
19 tion to amounts made available under subsection (b), there
20 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
21 essary to operate and maintain the historic site.

22 (b) AIR FORCE FUNDS.—The Secretary of the Air
23 Force shall transfer to the Director of the National Park
24 Service for use in operating and maintaining the historic
25 site any funds specifically appropriated for the Air Force

1 for the maintenance, protection, or preservation of the fa-
2 cilities described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 4(b).

3 (c) LEGACY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.—

4 Nothing in this Act affects the use of any funds available
5 for the Legacy Resource Management Program being car-
6 ried out by the Air Force that were directed, before the
7 date of enactment of this Act, to be used for resource pres-
8 ervation and treaty compliance.

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